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SUBJ: UPPER VOLTA AND ANGOLA

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ABIDJAN FOR SCHAUFLE

1. I DISCUSSED ANGOLAN SITUATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO MORNING DECEMBER 30. I CONVEYED TO HIM HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF DECEMBER 23, LEFT WITH HIM FRENCH TEXT OF ENTIRE CONFERENCE AS TRANSMITTED BY WIRELESS FILE, AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT, AS FAR AS I KNEW, US AND UPPER VOLTA'S POSITIONS ON ANGOLA WERE BASICALLY THE SAME.

2. ZERBO AGREED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. HE SAID THAT, AS A MEMBER OF THE OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION, UPPER VOLTA DID NOT WISH TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. HE DEPLORED NIGERIA'S RECOGNITION OF MPLA WHICH, HE ASID, WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR

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OAU TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HE AGREED THAT ALL

FOREIGN FORCES, WHETHER FROM SOUTH AFRICA, THE SOVIET UNION, OR CUBA, SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA AFTER WHICH THE THREE CONTENDING PARTIES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE MORE AMENABLE TO A COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

3. ZERBO CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT AMIN APPEARED TO BE OPPOSED TO AN OAU SUMMIT MEETING AT THIS TIME ON GROUNDS THAT THERE WOULD BE A DEEP SPLIT AMONG CHIEFS OF STATE AND OAU WOULD BE POWERLESS TO ACT. ZERBO ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE DECISION ON ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING SUMMIT.

4. COMMENT: I GATHER FROM ZERBO'S REMARKS THAT UPPER VOLTA WILL MAINTAIN ITS NON-RECOGNITION POLICY FOR TIME BEING.  
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